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negotiation has been the proposition to negotiate terms for the withdrawal of all claims on the part of the ex-Queen and Princess. They are both, for the present at least, absolutely powerless, but the effect of their withdrawal would be rather to split the native vote into selfish and insincere factions, or to consolidate it in favor of annexation as against the continuance of the Provisional Government. Already there are indications that, as the tenure of the Provisional Government grows more secure, the Hawaiians look to annexation for relief more favorably. In fact it is seriously argued that great unpopularity of the Government would unite the opposition in favor of the measure to effect which the Provisional Government was created.

There was serious obstacles in opening negotiations with the ex-Queen, the most embarrassing of which were the very strained relations existing between the President and Cabinet and Neumann, the only one here possessing her fullest confidence. Another obstacle was unexpectedly encountered. The opposition of the radical element of the Government, who have been demanding the banishment of the ex-Queen was, of course, to be expected; but the advantage of taking from the Hawaiians the only leaders about whom they could really and of the effect on American public opinion of voluntary and generous satisfaction of royalty's claims were ultimately apparent to all.

Two meetings between the President and Neumann brought them into accord on the general proposition to provide for the ex-Queen. On her part this required no departure, for Neumann still held her power of attorney, which he took with him to Washington, and which authorized him to negotiate for her the best terms he could. On the part of the Provisional Government, it was appropriating out of Hawaiian revenues what would otherwise be provided for from the same revenues at Washington. Really it was simply a charge upon its assets, the assumption of which would in event of annexation proportionately relieve the United States of responsibility, but of course the Government could not with dignity be first to move the negotiations. Such action would be certain, also, to encourage the ex-Queen perhaps to the point of her refusing to consider any proposition.

The Government was ready to pay her \$25,000 a year for life, Kaula to receive a separate sum to be agreed upon. For the ex-Queen this would not mean an expenditure of long continuance, for she is not likely to live many years. Yesterday and the day before Neumann made many journeys between Government House and Washington place, but if he tried to induce the ex-Queen to authorize the initiation of negotiations he was unsuccessful. It is possible that Neumann suffered a change of heart in the course of the negotiations which he attributed to the influence of Spreckels. So far as Neumann is concerned, the negotiations have now come to an end. Yesterday at noon he called for the last time on the President and informed him that he had failed to induce the ex-Queen to make a proposition, and that he should no longer act as her representative. He then took back the copy of the power of attorney which she had given him, and which he had left with the Government on his departure for Washington. He leaves today for San Francisco on business connected with the Japanese Government, and last night gave an elaborate dinner party to the officers of the Japanese man-of-war Naniwa. Claus Spreckels and Admiral Skerrett were among the guests.

With his departure the Royalist party is left without any able adviser, unless it be J. O. Carter, who will probably act in this capacity. Neumann says that in his opinion there is an end to negotiations with the ex-Queen, although he intimates that Spreckels may yet have something to do with these. If Spreckels does so the whole weight of his influence may be counted upon to oppose any action on her part which the Annexationists desire.

Claus Spreckels has given little satisfaction to anybody since his arrival, and has begun here a stupendous game of double-dealing, at which he is an expert. He was with Minister Stevens an hour immediately after his arrival, and declared to him his belief that annexation was ultimately bound to come and that he was not opposed to it in principle. Then he called upon President Dole and Chief Justice Judd and assured them of his hearty support of the Provisional Government. The next day he went to the ex-Queen, and while he discouraged her from entering into the negotiations which the Provisional Government desired her to initiate, at the same time told her that the monarchy was dead. His published declarations have not gone so far as this, and he has said little in public. He asserts that he is a student of the situation, having decided nothing but his opposition to the restoration of the monarchy and the present support of the Provisional Government. But I have the best reason for the assertion that his attitude toward the Government is one of reluctant tolerance rather than honest support, and that he does not favor annexation under any form the proposition has yet taken.

He shares in the popular rant against the missionaries. He is a party hater, warm and generous toward his friends, but not easily forgiving those who cross his path. His old grievance toward the planters who refused to contract with him at his price is known. His grievance toward those he terms missionaries, chief among whom he classes President Dole, is the opposition of this gentleman and other prominent members of the Government to his bill which he attempted to pass through the Legislature which would have thrown into his hands the \$2,000,000 loan

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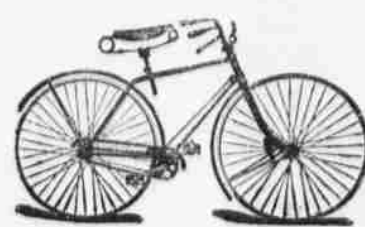
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